

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality for the withdrawal of ground water in Suffolk, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: January 14, 2007 to February 13, 2007

PERMIT NAME: Ground Water Withdrawal Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: City of Suffolk, Department of Public Utilities; 1258 Holland Road, Suffolk Virginia 23434; GW0048200

NAME AND LOCATION OF WATER WITHDRAWAL: Village of Whaleyville; Route 13 in Southern Suffolk approximately 5 miles north of the City of Suffolk-North Carolina border.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Suffolk, Department of Public Utilities has applied for a new permit for the Village of Whaleyville in Suffolk, Virginia. The permit would allow the applicant to withdraw an average of 96,446 gallons per day. The ground water withdrawal will support a public water supply for the Village of Whaleyville. The proposed withdrawal will utilize the Aquia aquifer at a depth between 255 feet to 304 feet below the land surface at the withdrawal sites. An aquifer is a body of rock or layer of sediment in the ground in which ground water is stored and transported. DEQ has made a tentative decision to issue the permit.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts comments by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must be in writing; contain a brief statement on how the proposal affects the person commenting, other users or the aquifer; and be received by DEQ during the comment period. The public also may request a public hearing. If a public hearing is requested, the written comments should include the reason for holding a hearing and related factual concerns. DEQ may hold a public hearing, including another comment period, if public response is significant and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the proposed permit. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named below.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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